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MEMORANDUM for Rear Admiral Thomas H. Robbins

Subject: Enabling Legislation for C.I.G.

Enclosure: (A) Draft of 9 April 1947, entitled "A Bill for the Establishment of a Central Intelligence Agency."
(B) Draft entitled "A Bill for the Establishment of a National Intelligence Authority and a Central Intelligence Agency."

1. The Chief of Naval Intelligence has reviewed the proposed enabling legislation for C.I.G. and is of the view that it should be revised in accordance with the following concepts:

- (a) There should be an Intelligence Advisory Board.
- (b) The Central Intelligence Agency should be an inter-departmental cooperative agency with adequate departmental representation to insure that it does not become ingrown and unresponsive to departmental needs.
- (c) That the Central Intelligence Agency's authority should not extend into the field of operational intelligence.

2. To achieve the above, the following changes are recommended:

- (a) To accomplish 1 (a), insert a new section 2 (c), similar to old 3 (e).
- (b) To accomplish 1 (b), insert in 2 (b) (1), line 1, after "established", "is an interdepartmental cooperative agency".

Section 2 (b) (3), lines 1 and 2, delete "any" both places and pluralize "officer" both places.

Line 5, following "service," insert "in such numbers as may be determined and approved by the National Security Council."

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- (c) To accomplish 1 (c), insert in section 2 (a) (1) (b), at the end, "except those pertaining to operational intelligence."

Section 3 (a) (2), line 3, following "security" and before ";", insert "except those pertaining to operational intelligence".

3. Prior to taking any action in this connection it is desire to know whether these views are concurred in by higher naval authority.

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